



Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News for Members and Friends

SUMMER 2019

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Coming Up: Historical Society Free-Admission Summer Programs and Fundraising Events

June 8, 10am-12:30pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **Members' Only Picnic** @ Pickerington
Church of the Nazarene, 11775 Pickerington Rd

June 13, 10:30am - 9:00pm: **MOD Pizza
Fundraiser for Historical Society**, 1310 Hill Road
N (SR 256), Pickerington, OH

July 4, 9am-Noon: Historical Museum open for
Pickerington's **10 AM 4th of July Parade**

July 13, 10am-1pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **Native American Artifacts of Violet
Township**, a family-friendly show-and-tell
presentation by Joel Embrey (*see page 2*)

August 1, 2-4pm: Historical Museum open for a
"Magical Scavenger Hunt" during **Wands &
Wizards Weekend** in Olde Pickerington Village

August 10, 10am-1pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **Life on the Ohio-Erie Canal**, a family-
friendly presentation by living history performer,
Professor Chris Hart. See his amusing portrayal of
boat captain John B. Reynolds (*see page 2*)

August 15, 11:00am - 9:00pm: **Hangry City Grille
& Spirits Fundraiser for Historical Society**, 1252
Hill Road N (SR 256), Pickerington OH

Sept. 2, 9:30am-Noon: Historical Museum open
for **Lions Club 10:00 AM Labor Day Parade**

**Volunteers are needed to assist with
ALL of these events at our Museum!**

Sign up via:

Email: pickhistsociety@hotmail.com

Or phone: 614-382-5989



Members-Only Summer Picnic Saturday, June 8, 1-3 PM Pickerington Church of the Nazarene Covered Picnic Pavilion 11775 Pickerington Rd, Pickerington, OH (Next to Pickerington/Refugee Road Kroger)

Join fellow members for our Historical Society's annual summer picnic at Pickerington Church of the Nazarene's outdoor covered picnic pavilion located on church grounds. There's plenty of parking near the pavilion which is located on the church's south side behind the children's playground.

The complimentary picnic for members-only begins at 1:00 PM. Our Historical Society will provide food, beverages, tableware, etc. for the picnic. Non-member guest fee is \$5.

If you love playing games of chance and winning prizes, you'll have fun playing five rounds of Bingo at this picnic. You might even take home a prize or two!

Reservations are required for our Summer Picnic!

**Sign up no later than Monday, June 3
by email to pickhistsociety@hotmail.com
or by leaving a message at 614-382-5989.**

AROUND OUR MUSEUM THIS SUMMER

July Second Saturday Free Historical Program: *Native American Artifacts of Violet Township*

Did you know the Adena and Hopewell cultures lived in this part of Ohio 3,000–1,400 years ago? They were noted for their earthen works and mounds — such as the Adena Mound east of Pickerington on S.R. 256.

If you are curious about Ohio's Adena and Hopewell people and the objects they left behind, be sure to attend our Saturday, July 8 meeting which begins at 1:00pm. It will be held in the Historical Society Museum's handicap-accessible Lower Level. Refreshments, Indian artifact viewing, and conversation available at the end of the program.

Our speaker, Joel Embrey, will help you and other guests travel back in time when the Adena and Hopewell Indians lived in Violet Township. Joel is a self-described history buff and long-time collector of historical artifacts. He will share his knowledge of Native American history along with interesting pieces from his collection.

Joel began collecting artifacts in 1975 after attending a meeting of the Archaeological Society of Ohio and becoming active in Newark's Flint Ridge Chapter. Even though Joel's ancestors arrived and settled in Perry County, Ohio in the late 1700s-early 1800s, he likes to help people understand that "we weren't the first people here".



August Second Saturday Historical Program: *Life on the Ohio-Erie Canal*

Professor Chris Hart (photo at left) from Newcomerstown, Ohio is a living historian, which means that he basically portrays — or becomes — characters from the past in dress, voice, and emotion.

On Saturday, August 10, starting at 1:00pm in our Historical Museum's Lower Level, Chris Hart will become Captain John B. Reynolds of the canal boat "The Hard Cider" on the Ohio-Erie Canal.

Captain Reynolds always has an opinion on everything — and is not afraid to share it — plus he loves to talk about lively tales of life on "the big ditch." In his travels on the Ohio-Erie Canal, Captain Reynolds meets a photographer, snake charmer, and even a witch.

Be sure to attend this amusing, family-friendly program by Professor Hart, who is employed as a college professor at seven universities and a guest lecturer at two others.

He began his living history career a dozen years ago with the portrayal of the village doctor at Historic Roscoe Village. Since then he has developed about 50 characters — performing at a National Storytellers Conference, for the National Park Service, at Gettysburg, for historical societies, and more.

This program is free and open to the public, so bring a friend! Complimentary refreshments available after Captain Reynolds' program.

LOCAL HISTORY

Old Kerosene Lamp with a New Purpose



Before the coming of natural gas and electricity, kerosene lamps lit the streets of Olde Pickerington Village from dusk to dawn.

This happened with the help of a lamplighter who was required by Village ordinance to furnish matches and cleaning cloths, to carry kerosene from the Pickerington railroad depot, to return the empty cans, and to light the lamps no earlier than one-half hour before sundown. Over the years, lamplighters included Aaron Boyer, August Okert, and Clem G. Ricketts. A lamplighter was paid an annual salary of \$100.

Bill Hanna donated this particular kerosene street lamp to the Carnegie Library in 1979, and it still resides there — now as part of the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum’s “Olde Pickerington Village” exhibit.

According to a *Pickerington-Sun* newspaper article dated September 21, 1979, Hanna had recently purchased the lamp at a flea market a few miles east of Pickerington to honor his parents, Harry and Sylvia Hanna. They were long-time Village residents and owners of the local Hanna Chrysler-Plymouth dealership located on West Columbus Street.

For nearly 70 years, the lamp reposed in the attic of the former William Fenstermaker home at 63 West Church Street after it was taken down in 1908 when gas came into town. Now, it has been in the Carnegie Library-Historical Society Museum for the past 40 years.

If you pay a visit to our Historical Museum on its next Second Saturday opening — June 8, from 10am to 12:30pm — this old kerosene lamp will be stationed just inside the Museum’s front door to welcome you. Admission to the Museum is free.

Local History Lessons for 3rd Graders

More than 250 third grade elementary school students from Heritage (May 7), Sycamore Creek (May 9), and Pickerington (May 13) toured our Museum. The tours are designed to create interest in local history by the young people of our community.

Typically, five volunteer Tour Guides participate in each tour. May’s tour volunteers included Historical Society members Peggy Portier, Gary and Barbara Taylor, Mary Herron, Chuck and Bev Zurhorst, Barbara Freeman, and Maggie Arendt.



Sycamore Creek Elementary 3rd graders gather for Historical Museum tour.

If you enjoy working with children, how about joining our Historical Society’s “Tour Guide Team”? We’ll provide the training. Simply respond to this email or leave a message at 614-382-5989.

NEWS YOU CAN USE



Chocolate Hop brings Visitors to Historical Museum

Historical Society volunteers Maryann Macioce (right) and Clover Rogers (second from right) greet Museum guests and give chocolate treats during the May 3 Olde Village Chocolate Hop.

More than 120 people visited the Museum during the Pickerington Village Association-sponsored Chocolate Hop. Our Historical Society was one of the not-for-profit recipients of proceeds from the charitable event and received \$313.91.

2018-2019

PICKERINGTON-VIOLET TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVES

Elected Officers

President: Peggy Portier
 Advisor (Past President): Gary Taylor
 Vice President-Administration: Keith Ebright
 Vice President-Programs: Jack Whitaker
 Secretary: Mary Herron
 Treasurer: Fiona Spears
 Members-at-Large: Barbara Freeman, Stephanie Johnson, and Greg Karoly

President's Appointees

Librarian: Suellen Goldsberry
 Membership/Volunteer Chair: Stephanie Johnson
 Publicity Chair/Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt

Open Appointed Positions: Historian, Curator

2019 Historical Society Projects

Clean Museum Carpets (upstairs and downstairs)
 Create children's "Try It On" vintage clothing exhibit
 Purchase Video Equipment for Oral History Program with Pickerington Library

In Remembrance

Former Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society President, **Dale R. England Jr.** (age 71), passed away April 19 at the Cleveland Clinic after a long illness. Dale was an attorney in private practice in Pickerington and Fairfield County for over 40 years. Our condolences to his wife of 48 years, Sharon, and his two daughters.

Historical Society member, **Marie Walburn** (age 75), passed away May 5 at her residence. She and her family have been Historical Society members since 2006. Our sincere sympathies to Marie's husband of 55 years, Terry Walburn; and sons Terry Ray and Mark.

Membership Update

Help welcome **Ruth Ann Garand** of Pickerington who joined our Historical Society during May.

Thank you to all of our members who have renewed their memberships or have become Lifetime Members this year. According to Membership/Volunteer Chairman, Stephanie Johnson, we are 145 members strong!

If you know someone who enjoys history and the fellowship of friendly people, gift them a membership. It'll be the best \$10 you've ever spent! Phone Stephanie at 614-657-6037 for a membership application form or to ask questions about membership or volunteering.

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